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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION POSED BY REFTTEL, WE SHARE CONCERN OF MISSION AND UN LEGAL ADVISER AS TO EFFECT OF PROPOSED ARAB RESOLUTION INCLUDING ZIONISM AS A FORM OF RACISM. AS A TECHNICAL MATTER, SUCH GA RESOLUTIONS ARE NOT LEGALLY BINDING ON MEMBER STATES, AND A MEMBER MAY, FOR ITS OWN PART, ACCEPT ONE RESOLUTION WHILE REJECTING OTHERS WHICH PURPORT TO INTERPRET IT.

2. HOWEVER, GIVEN CLEAR CONNECTION BETWEEN PROPOSED ZIONISM RESOLUTION AND RESOLUTION ON PROGRAM OF DECADE TO ELIMINATE RACISM, UN SECRETARIAT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY FEEL OBLIGATED TO PROCEED IN ADMINISTERING RACISM DECADE PROGRAM ON BASIS OF INCLUSION OF ZIONISM WITHIN ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE IF ARAB RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. IN THIS

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SENSE, SEPARATE RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME

EFFECT AS AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION ON RACISM DECADE. INGERSOLL

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